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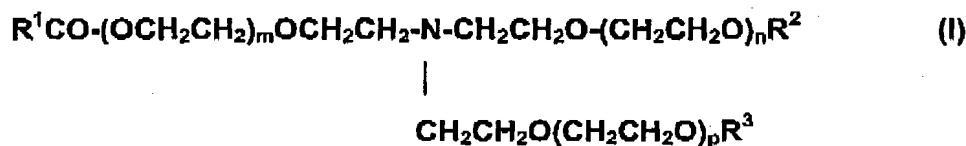
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

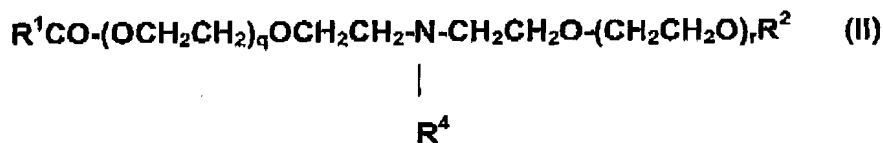
Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (I):



wherein  $\text{R}^1\text{CO}$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; each of  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  is independently hydrogen or  $\text{R}^1\text{CO}$ ;  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $p$  together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (II):

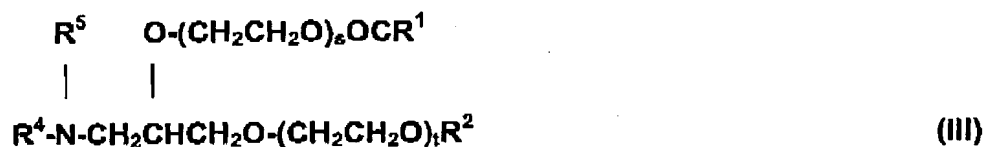


wherein  $\text{R}^1\text{CO}$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms,  $\text{R}^2$  is

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hydrogen or  $R^1CO$ ;  $R^4$  is an alkyl group having from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and q and r together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent of the formula (III):



wherein  $R^1CO$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms;  $R^2$  is hydrogen or  $R^1CO$ , each of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is independently an alkyl group having 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and s and t together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.

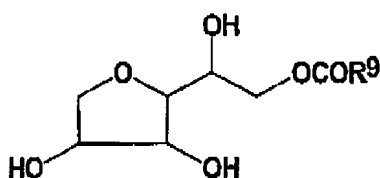
Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 14 further comprising contacting the thermoplastic with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula (IV):



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wherein  $R^6CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is  $R^6CO$  or OH with the proviso that at least one of  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  is OH; each of m, n, and p is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of  $v+w+x$  has a value of from 0 to 100; a compound corresponding to formula (V):



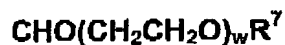
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wherein  $R^9CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof.

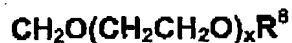
Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 15 further comprising contacting the thermoplastic with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula (IV):



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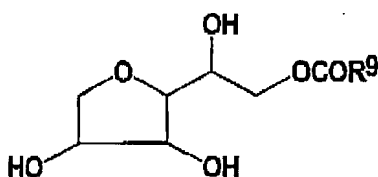
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wherein  $R^6CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is  $R^6CO$  or OH with the proviso that at least one of  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  is OH; each of m, n, and p is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of  $v+w+x$  has a value of from 0 to 100; a compound corresponding to formula (V):

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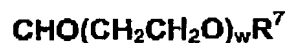
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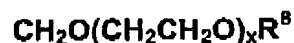
Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 16 further comprising contacting the thermoplastic with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula (IV):



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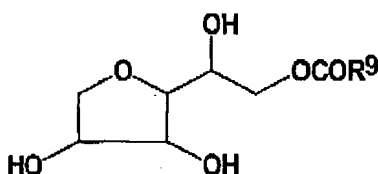
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(IV)

wherein  $R^6CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is  $R^6CO$  or OH with the proviso that at least one of  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  is OH; each of m, n, and p is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of  $v+w+x$  has a value of from 0 to 100; a compound corresponding to formula (V):

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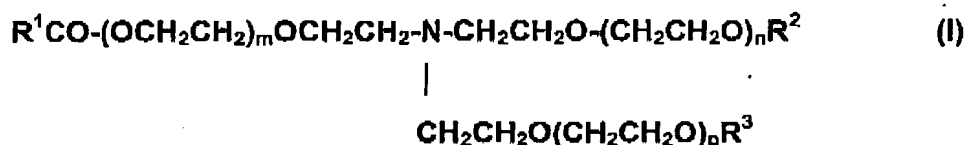


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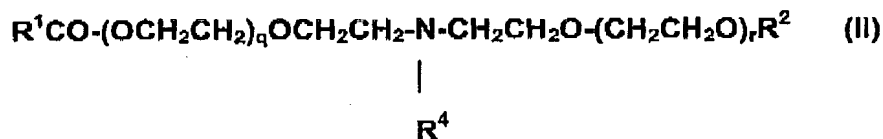
wherein  $R^9CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 21 (new): A polymeric composition comprising:

- (a) a thermoplastic;
- (b) from about 0.5 to 5 parts by weight, based on the weight of the thermoplastic, of an antistatic additive selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula (I):



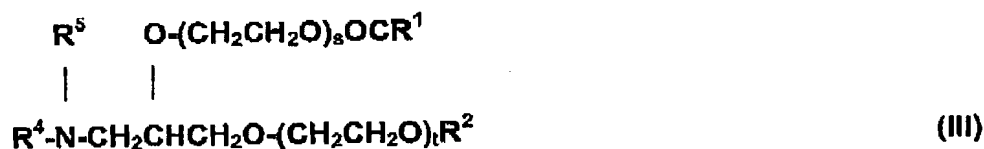
wherein  $R^1CO$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; each of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is independently hydrogen or  $R^1CO$ ; m, n and p together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12, a compound corresponding to formula (II):



wherein  $R^1CO$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms,  $R^2$  is

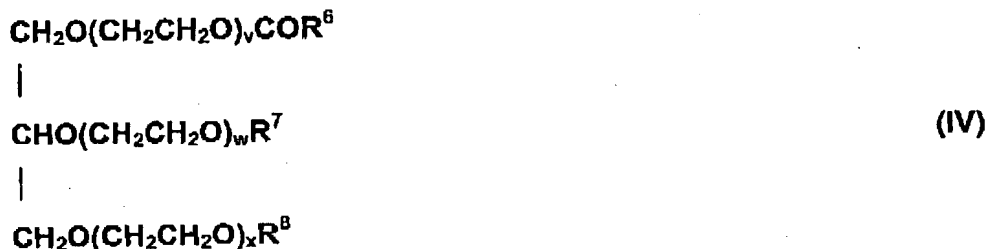
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hydrogen or  $R^1CO$ ;  $R^4$  is an alkyl group having from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and  $q$  and  $r$  together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12, a compound corresponding to formula (III):



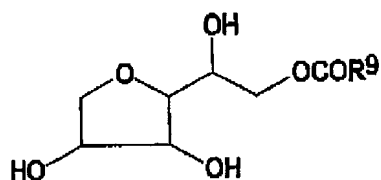
wherein  $R^1CO$  is an acyl group having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms;  $R^2$  is hydrogen or  $R^1CO$ , each of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is independently an alkyl group having 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and  $s$  and  $t$  together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula (IV):



wherein  $R^6CO$  is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms; each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is  $R^6CO$  or  $OH$  with the proviso that at least one of  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  is  $OH$ ; each of  $m$ ,  $n$ , and  $p$  is a number for 0 to 100 such that the sum of  $v+w+x$  has a value of from 0 to 100; a compound corresponding to formula (V):

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wherein R<sup>9</sup>CO is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof.